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REMARKS

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1. On 26 February 1953, the Fritsch Kaserne, west of Johann Stelling Strasse, Schwerin, was occupied by only about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black, black-bordered black, or black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 24 February, 16 soldiers practiced aiming on two 37-mm AA guns. At about 3 p.m., about 16 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets were dismantling a field-wire about 500 meters from the road fork formed by Ludwigsluster Chaussee and Crivitzer Chaussee, and subsequently entered the installation. On 25 and 26 February, about 30 to 40 soldiers engaged in physical training in the barracks yard. Sedan [] was seen leaving the installation toward the town.
2. On 26 February, the Moltke Kaserne, west of Ludwigsluster Strasse, was occupied by not more than 400 to 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. On 24 February, about 30 to 40 troops were lined up in the barracks yard. On 25 and 26 February, about 50 soldiers were engaged in physical training in the barracks yard.
3. On 26 February, the Krueger Kaserne, west of Ludwigsluster Strasse, and adjoining the Moltke Kaserne to the south, was occupied by only about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 26 February, about 15 to 20 soldiers practiced marksmanship with rifles and submachine guns at the firing range of the installation. At about 3:40 p.m., 2 prime movers, [], towing 2 x 122-mm field howitzers, and each occupied by 10 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation.
4. On 26 February, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, east of Ludwigsluster Chaussee near the Fuchholz, was not occupied to capacity. On 24 February, about 40 to 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and armed with rifles were lined up in the barracks yard. About 30 to 40 soldiers were seen at aiming practice in the rear section of the barracks yard. On 26 February, individual reports of AA guns were heard from there.
5. Prior to 15 February, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by a AAA unit and an infantry unit. The latter unit occupied 6 barracks buildings, 1 headquarters building and 1 kitchen building. The troops wore black-

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bordered crimson epaulets and were equipped with carbines, sub-machine guns, light and heavy machine guns, the latter on wooden wheels, 10 mortars, and a few AT guns which source believed were 57-mm guns, and antitank rifles. The trucks and sedans of the unit were sheltered under lean-to roofs.

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6. Three of the barracks buildings were occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Weapons observed included about 20 x 37-mm AA guns and 8 x 76-mm AA guns. A miniature aircraft for aiming practice with 37-mm AA guns was being moved on a wire over the barracks yard.
7. In January, the stables on the peninsula northeast of the castle, east of Werder Strasse, were occupied by shoemaker and dressmaker workshops and motor vehicle repair shops.

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Comment. The units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div appear to be distributed in the military installations in Schwerin as previously. As the barracks installation were only partially occupied on 26 February, it can be assured that elements of the division were absent for exercises.

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These shipments were believed connected with the exercises of the abovementioned division which appear to have ended on 1 March. The information in paragraph 5 of this report confirms the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 940th AAA Bn of the division in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne until 15 February 1953. Not enough medium AA guns were observed to indicate the AAA regiment of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in the installation.

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On the other hand, the observation of these guns confirms that the AAA battalions of the motorized rifle divisions are also equipped with medium AA guns which, according to this information, are organized in two batteries. The AAA regiment of the corps is stationed in the Fliegerhorst installation in Goerries.

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